

FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Verdict in Case of Civil Service Board in Case of Officer Proctor

CHARGED WITH DRUNKENNESS.

Chief Blackburn Refuses to Recognize Authority of the Board.

THE MAYOR ALSO DECLINES TO TESTIFY

Peculiar Effect of a Drink of Ginger and Blackberry Wine—Several Instances of Officers Being Drunk on Duty.

There was a meeting of the police, fire and health board of the city government last night at which there were some rather sensational developments. The object of the meeting was to consider an appeal of Police Officer J. D. Proctor, who had been discharged from the force by Chief of Police Blackburn with the approval of the mayor on a charge of being drunk in Voss' saloon on last Sunday, September 22.

The authority of the board was ignored by the chief, who declined its summons to be present, refused to submit any charges and sent the board word that he did not recognize its authority in the premises.

The mayor, though present, seemed to entertain pretty much the same opinion as the chief and declined, in the absence of any charges being filed, to testify in the case, though he stated that one of the charges was being drunk while on duty and to rebut this charge a number of witnesses were put on the stand, several of them being members of the police force, and by whom revelations were made to the board of a number of officers being drunk on duty without any of them being discharged from the force.

The police, fire and health board, otherwise known as the civil service commission, is composed of Aldermen Thomas Miller, Tullis and Houston. Aldermen Thomas is chairman of the board and Alderman Miller secretary. All of whom were present last night, except Alderman Houston. Several other officers were present and a number of witnesses and officers.

The board was informed by Alderman Miller that he was a member of the board and was present, but that he had declined to testify in the case, and that he had declined to testify in the case, and that he had declined to testify in the case.

The proceedings were continued by Alderman Miller reading a letter from Police Officer Proctor notifying the board of his dismissal from service and his refusal to testify in the case, and that he had declined to testify in the case.

The following communications were handed to the board from the chief of police:

L. M. Miller, Secretary Police, Fire and Health Board, Houston, Texas, September 25, 1901. Your note of this date is received. In only will state that I have filed no charges against Officer Proctor. He was drunk on duty on Sunday, September 22, 1901, and was discharged from the force by the board of police, fire and health.

Chairman Thomas asked the mayor as to what he had to say in the case of Officer Proctor.

He replied "No," and further that he did not see what right this board had to go into the case unless charges were filed.

Chairman Thomas asked the chief of police if he had any charges against Officer Proctor.

The chief of police said that he had no charges against Officer Proctor, and that he had declined to testify in the case.

In answer to a further inquiry, the mayor said that he remembered that there were four charges against Proctor, one of them being "drunk while on duty."

The mayor was asked to send an officer after Chief Blackburn, which he did, and the board took a recess awaiting the pleasure of the chief of police.

After a recess of about fifteen minutes Chairman Thomas called the board to order and stated that in the absence of the chief of police he had decided to take the evidence of the mayor upon the discharge of Proctor.

The mayor said he refused to give any evidence in the case of any charges against the chief of police. He said he refused to testify in the case.

Chairman Thomas said that this was the proper time, and that the mayor had no right to refuse to testify in the case as an ex officio member of the board.

The mayor said the chief of police was well known and he was not officiating as a member of the board.

Mr. Hittingstetter then called the witnesses in the case as follows:

Mr. W. A. Maroney was the first witness. He testified that he saw Proctor on Sunday, September 22, the day he was charged with having been drunk. He was sober and in no way under the influence of liquor. He refused to testify in the case.

Mr. T. J. Bannan testified that he saw Proctor on the morning of September 22 at Voss' saloon. It was on his way to work at that time. He was sober and in no way under the influence of liquor. He refused to testify in the case.

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POST'S STAND INDORSED

IT IS HIGH TIME THAT THE CITIZENS TAKE ACTION.

Someone is Responsible for the Wilful Disregard of Violations of the Law and It Should Be Placed.

To the Editor of The Post.

Nothing could have been more timely than were the brave words in yesterday's issue of The Post relative to "Time to Act" in the matter of redeeming Houston from the clutches of villainism and crime.

The sentiments expressed in the editorial deserve the gratitude of the virtuous and law-abiding citizens of Houston for its pronounced position. It is contended by a certain class in Houston that the toleration of much that is outrageous in the city is necessary in order to secure the growth of a progressive and wide-awake municipality.

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Mr. N. C. Abbott, after an extended Eastern tour has returned to the city and is again located at the Bristol.

Mr. T. H. Spooner of Gonzales was among the arrivals in this city yesterday and registered at the Hutchins house.

Miss Estelle Merriam of Brooklyn has returned to spend her fifth winter in Houston. She has many friends here.

Mr. E. A. Plowden, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. S. E. Plowden, leaves this evening for St. Louis to visit relatives.

Mr. Louis J. Wortham of Austin was among the arrivals in this city yesterday and registered at the Hutchins house.

Mr. W. A. Suter, a prominent citizen of Victoria, arrived in Houston last night and is stopping at the Hutchins house.

Messrs. Charles M. Bell, Robert J. Moran and J. W. Luke are a trio of guests at the Hutchins house, having come from Orange.

Mr. C. F. Stevens, a leading business man of Liberty, with his wife, is visiting Houston. They are stopping at the Hutchins house.

Mr. T. M. Humason, a prominent business man of Lubbock, is in the city on a business trip and is stopping at the Hutchins house.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Wolf of this city, who have been on an extended summering tour, have returned and are stopping at the Hutchins house.

Mr. W. S. Carter of Camden, a prominent lumberman and merchant, is visiting this city on business and is registered at the Hutchins house.

Judge Bradley K. Ewing and family, who have made an extensive tour through California, are in the city and are stopping at the Hutchins house.

Mr. C. H. Robinson of Huntsville is a guest at the Hutchins house. Mr. Robinson is a prominent citizen of Huntsville and is visiting Houston on business.

Mr. A. H. Johnson of Houston is a guest at the Hutchins house. Mr. Johnson is a prominent citizen of Houston and is visiting Houston on business.

Mr. A. C. Watkins and daughters, Misses Hattie and Ethel, and Master W. F. Watkins are in the city and are stopping at the Hutchins house.

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Last Day of the Millinery Opening.

A Grand French Fannel Bargain

OUR MR. WILLIAM L. FOLEY has just shipped us 1764 yards of the best grade of All Wool Figured and Dotted French Flannels. It was the entire line of a big importing house and he secured them at a greatly reduced price. It is the same grade we have been selling at 69c (other stores ask 75c). They come in all colors and in black and white. We place them on sale today at the remarkably low price of **48c**.

THAT BIG AUCTION SALE OF SILKS is still the attraction of the store. Have you seen them? If not, do so today, and be sure that you see these extra good values.

19-inch colored Taffeta, 25 shades, the 75c grade, at	49c	20-inch black All Silk Beau de Soie, the \$1 grade, at	69c
19-inch colored Taffeta, 31 shades, the 85c grade, at	59c	22-inch black All Silk Beau de Soie, the \$1.50 grade, at	98c
22-inch soft black Taffeta, a splendid 75c grade, per yard	49c	And those lovely All Silk Liberty Duchesse Satins, in opera shades, full 22 inches wide, regular \$1 grade, at	59c

These are Silk values never before equaled in Houston.

WILLIAM L. FOLEY.

Last Day of the Millinery Opening.

School Books and School Supplies

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
PILLOT'S BOOK STORE 409 MAIN ST. PHONES 820.

TOOK MORPHINE BY MISTAKE.

Charles N. Bean Lies Critically Low at St. Joseph's Infirmary.

Yesterday morning shortly before noon Mr. Charles N. Bean, who lives at No. 21 Sprague street, was discovered in an unconscious condition. He had been taken to St. Joseph's infirmary.

The doctor, Dr. W. M. Bannan, who is attending to the case, says that the patient is in a critical condition. He has been taking morphine for some time.

The patient is a well-known citizen of Houston and is a member of the St. Joseph's infirmary. He has been in the hospital for some time.

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